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To Our Readers.  
Any neglect on the part of our Carriers to deliver the STANDARD at the proper time and place will be promptly remedied on application of the Publication Office, next door to the Bank of British Columbia, Government Street.

### The Daily Standard.

Friday, January 20, 1871.

Steam Communication on the Eastern Coast.

Our morning contemporary possesses a wonderful talent for distorting the sayings and doings of the Member for Nanaimo-Cowichan, and the Member for Victoria District. No later than yesterday it turned its peculiar talent to account by representing in one part of its leading article that those two members pretended that "land communication would serve the purposes of the settlements" on the Eastern Coast, and in another part of the same article that they were advocating "the impracticable scheme" of putting the Enterprise on the route between Victoria, Nanaimo, and Comox. Now it so happens, that neither of these positions is the fact, and that the one is contradictory of the other. So far as roads are concerned, both members advocated a stage road from Victoria to Nanaimo, and throughout their respective districts; but not with the view of taking off the Coast steamer; but in order to supply the settlers of Cowichan with a more easy, cheaper and expeditious way of visiting Victoria or Nanaimo than having to wait a whole week for a steamer to carry them and their freight to either of those places, and after they had reached their destination to remain several days longer there on expenses than was desirable, sustaining a loss of both time and money. The settlers on the East Coast can fully appreciate the want of a good road between Victoria and Nanaimo, and are consequently well prepared to second the exertions of the East coast members to get such a road whenever it is practically possible,—and which, we believe, will not be farther off than 1872. At the end of that year, we hope to see a daily stage between Victoria and Nanaimo,—and the citizens of the latter place reading the Victoria morning papers every evening. Such an altered state of things, we think, will not be objectionable to our East Coast settlers, although it may now excite the ire of our irritable contemporary. Now, in the next place, as to steam communication with Comox, Mr. Bunster has succeeded in passing a resolution through the Committee of Supply for semi-weekly communication, which our contemporary studiously conceals. Since it was passed, the settlers of Comox have sent down a petition to the Governor for a semi-weekly service, and for a steamer different from the Sir James Douglas—one that will not draw more than five feet of water, which will enable her to go up Courtenay river to Green's Landing, and by that means save the Comox settlers a thousand dollars a year, that is now paid by them for bontage or lighterage in going to and leaving the Sir James Douglas. If they were as content with that steamer as our contemporary makes them out to be, who would scarcely have sent down a petition for another. Now, as regards the steamer Sir James Douglas, we maintain that she is in no way suited to accommodate the passenger traffic on the East coast, nor for carrying produce or stock. She was never designed for the purpose; and it was only when she became useless as a tug-boat to the Dredger that she was put on the Victoria-Comox route. We have letters now before us, both from Comox-Nanaimo and Cowichan, expressing the desire for a different class of steamer,—one like the Enterprise, that has cabin and freight accommodation suitable to the wants of the community that she will be required to serve. The resolution that was offered in Committee of Supply, by the member for Victoria District, is strictly in the line of his public duty, and what is more, in harmony with the wishes of his constituents. It asked that the Sir James Douglas be sold as soon as a steamer of superior accommodation, with freight and passage as low or lower than it is now, could be had. Hence, even if our contemporary is annoyed at the idea that the settlers on the East Coast should get a first-class passenger steamer instead of the Douglas, still we think that both the member for Comox and Victoria District will persist in their attempts till they succeed in securing such a steamer for the Victoria-Comox route.

Memory presides over the past. Fall a coffee over the present. The first lives in a rich temple hung with glorious trophies, and death with us, but the second's coffee has but one shrive and eat at every breakfast table. Its aroma walks the world like a spirit and can be found for sale at every respectable dealer in British Columbia. Beware of spurious imitations.

A Gilmore, Merchant Tailor, has removed his place of business to the store adjoining the Colonial Hotel, Government street four doors from Yates street, where he is prepared to sell at reduced rates, Custom Made Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods. Also Garments made to order according to the Latest Styles.

CARPETS—Brussels and tapestry carpets of the latest designs, including the Royal Persian, with health rugs to match. A beautiful and large assortment of these goods have arrived by the Lady Lampson, and are now ready for sale at the London House, at very low rates.

Pocket and office diaries for 1871, and illustrated and other almanacs for 1871, to be had at T. N. Hibben & Co.'s Government street.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—A beautiful assortment of Fancy Goods for the season, will be ready for sale at the London House, on Saturday next, Dec. 17th.

George Otto's Easy Shaving and Hair Cutting shop Johnson street. Shaving 12 cents. Hair Cutting as cents. 14

The original cheap and easy Shaving Shop at Fred Payne's, on the sunny side of Johnson street. 3m\*

New Goods.—Jouvin's Gloves, &c., just received at the Victoria House. \*

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FOR Skeena River and Fort Simpson.  
THE H. C. CO'S STEAMER

OTTER,

Will leave the end of this month, for Skeena River and Fort Simpson, touching at way ports, and carrying Freight and Passengers.

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H. G. LEWIS.

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Skeena River Route!

WE HAVE MEANS AT OUR  
Commissariat that will enable us to Freight  
Goods from the Mouth of the Skeena to the  
Forks for 2½ Cents per Pound.

We will also Freight to the Forks  
for the sum of \$15. Each Passenger will  
allow to carry 100 lbs of freight without extra  
charge.

We are also prepared to supply Miners with Outfits and  
General Merchandise at reasonable rates, and will transact a Forwarding and Commission Business.

J. CUNNINGHAM & HANKIN,

For further particulars apply to

J. NAGLE,  
1620 4m  
Shipping Agent, Bastion Street.

St. Andrew's and Caledonian  
Benevolent Association.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AS-  
sociation will be held in the New Dominion Hall,  
(Friday) Evening at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of  
considering the advisability of co-operating with other  
Associations in the power of the Bill to incorporate the  
Benevolent Societies of Victoria.

J. CUNNINGHAM & HANKIN,  
Jameson's Vice President.

SPECIAL MEETING.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE F.O.G.

A Special Meeting will be held on Saturday evening at 8  
o'clock in the Royal Langham Hotel.

All Members in good standing are requested to attend  
as business of the utmost importance will be brought before  
the meeting. By order of the F.O.G.

W. G. T.  
Victoria, January 19, 1871.

1620 4m

General Wool and Fancy  
REPOSITORY,

Corner of View and Broad Streets, opposite the City Hall  
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MRS. M. M. JAMESON.

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BASTION STREET,

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Notice.

IN PURSUANCE OF THE PROVISIONS  
of the Land Registry Ordinance 1870, I will issue  
a duplicate certificate of title to a portion of View lot 5  
acres lot No. III, corner of Blanchard and Pioneer street,  
in the name of John Jeffery and Alfred Jeffery, unless  
otherwise directed by the parties concerned.

J. GRAHAM ALSTON, Registrar General

Land Registry Office, 18th Jan., 1871.

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### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

Jan 19—Steamer Emily Harris, Mcintosh, Nanaimo, alp alarm. Drywars & Son.

CLEARED.

Jan 19—none.

Pearl SOUND ITEMS.—From our Puget Sound exchanges, received by the steamer Isabel last evening, we glean the following items: Oscar W. Olney, who died recently at Bellington Bay, from heart disease, was a native of Providence, R. I., and for nearly 20 years a resident of British Columbia. His remains were brought for interment to Seattle....The Seattle Coal Company have their wharf completed to such an extent as to allow vessels to load at the chute....The Port Townsend Message says that it has received a communication from a gentleman, for publication, respecting the Germanans Creek gold mines, which he considers over-estimated....Governor Salomon of Victoria Territory, is delivering lectures in Olympia, on the subject of the Franco-Russian war. Two men, confined in the Olympia jail, were escorted by the sheriff to one of Governor Salomon's lectures, and occupied a front seat. The good people of Olympia are very indignant over the matter, and request that the sheriff be censured for such an outrage....Cherokee Smith and Henry Sutton, of the Port Townsend Message, have gone to Washington....Mr. Clemens, the new Secretary of Washington Territory, is en route to Olympia.

Reported Lost.—We learn from a gentleman who arrived from New Westminster on the steamer Enterprise, last evening, that a report was in circulation in New Westminster that Mr. Johnson, the mail contractor, had foundered in the snow. It appears that Mr. Johnson started from New Westminster for Yale on Monday the 9th inst., in a canoe with several Indians, and got as far as Sea Bird Bar, about one mile from Hope, where they were compelled to stop, because of an accident on the river being blocked with ice....Mr. Johnson, in company with the Indians, started for Mr. Hicks' farm, but it appears they never reached there, as Mr. Hicks started out in search of them and found one of the Indians who was in the canoe, lying dead on the trail. The snow was about five feet deep on the trail, and there is no doubt but Mr. Johnson is all right, as there are plenty of other farm houses where he could go to.

MAINLAND ITEMS.—From the Mainland Guardian of the 19th inst. we glean the following items: A public meeting was held at Lillooet, on the 5th inst. There was a large attendance. Resolutions were passed in favor of Responsible Government, and against giving pensions to the officials....It is reported at New Westminster that Col. Moody is about to return to the Colony, with his sons....The roofs of several buildings in New Westminster have "caved in," from the amount of snow on them....Messrs. Walker & Son, of Victoria, have a steam-machinery for a first-class saw-mill to Germans Creek....On account of the late rains, the small streams in the Semas district have swollen to a considerable extent, and a great deal of land is under water....An Odd Fellows' Lodge is about to be established in New Westminster.

DEPUTATION.—Yester day a deputation from the School Board, consisting of His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Carey and McMillan, waited upon His Excellency the Governor by appointment, to confer with him, with regard to the Common School of the city of Victoria, and asking for aid from the Government to enable them to carry on the school. His Excellency received the deputation very courteously, and told them that if the inhabitants of Victoria did not take enough interest in the education of the young and rising generation as to keep the schools open, he did not see why the Government should not do so.

THE PROCLAMATION FOR SENSATION.—It is astonishing that in this modern, and supposed to be more refined age, that a custom still exists which originated in the Fifteenth Century from an accidental circumstance of Maids and Bachelors amusing themselves on the 14th of February, by drawing lottery-wagers, and in some cases or joke to represent their future wife or husband. Their custom modernized, exhibits the same tendency, in the form of Valentines. Some chaste in appearance and sentiment, and others grotesque and calculated to please or offend. T. N. Hibben & Co. are prepared for the coming St. Valentine's Day in the modern and most pleasing form.

A cruel way of cooking turtles appears in a Chinese cooking book. The turtle is placed in a vessel of water on the fire, and with a lid over it having an aperture so arranged that the turtle can get his head out, and within reach of highly spiced wine. As the temperature of the water increases so does his thirst, and he gradually goes on drinking the seasoned fluid until the heat kills him, by which time his whole system is impregnated with the vine-aromatic seasoning, and a flavor which is said to be imparted to the flesh.

FROM NANAIMO.—The steamer Sir James Douglas Capt. Clarke, arrived from Nanaimo and way ports, yesterday afternoon, with very few passengers and several head of live stock. On Wednesday, the steamer towed the bark Atlantic out of Nanaimo, loaded with coal for San Francisco. The barkentine Harrison is at anchor in Departure Bay, loaded with stone, waiting for a favorable wind to sail.

SKEENA RIVER ROUTE.—See the advertisement of Messrs. Cunningham & Haukin, who are prepared to carry passengers from the mouth of the Skeena to the Forks for the sum of \$15; also to carry freight the same distance for two and one-half cents per pound. Mr. Nagle, Bastion street, is the agent for the firm in this city.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER.—John Dacey was brought up on remand before the Police Court, yesterday morning, charged with being a suspicious character. The prisoner was ordered to find security in the sum of \$25, to be of good behavior for three months or in default to be committed to prison for one month.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise, Capt. Swanson, arrived from New Westminster yesterday afternoon, with about 20 passengers, among whom were T. B. Humphreys, Esq., Messrs. Newland, Brown, Sandover, Pitts, Pfeift, Hoy, Chadwick, McNeil, Camuson and Milligan.

DESERTR.—John Welch was brought up in the Police Court, yesterday morning, charged by officer McCarty, with being a deserter from the ship Golden Age, now loading at Burrard Inlet. The accused was remanded for one week, to enable the authorities to communicate with the ship.

EX PELICAN.—Officers' Water-Proof Rubber Coats, for sale at D. Green's clothing store, Government street, two doors from St. Thomas Hotel.

DISTINGUISHED ARRIVAL.—Dr. Beam, who has nominally become so well known to the public, through his exploits in surreptitiously winning a bride, at Seattle, a few weeks ago, arrived here last evening, on the Okanagan. He is, of course, incog., as becomes his dignity. His adventures from Olympia to Monctello, having had to walk the whole way, are said to be interesting, as displaying his versatile attainments in the role of Smart Aleck.—Portland Bulletin.

PASSED UP.—The U. S. Revenue Cutter Lincoln passed up the straits yesterday morning, bound to Port Townsend. She has been cruising in the Straits and on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, looking out for an American vessel which was reported wrecked on the Coast.

ASSAULT.—John Welch was charged by W. H. Lamont in the Police Court, yesterday morning, with assaulting him. The offence was proved and the accused fined in the sum of \$25 or in default of payment to be committed to prison for two months.

ON THE WAY.—It is said that there are 100 Chinamen on the way from San Francisco to work in the coal mines at Nanaimo. We hope the rumor is untrue, for our white population is small enough without diminishing it by such means.

GEORGE PAUNCEFORT.—We learn from a letter of the Waia Walla Union, that Mr. George Pauncefort is in that city, giving readings, recitations, etc., to well filled houses.

CARIBOO.—From a private telegram received here last night, from the Mainland, we learn that the Spruce Co., on Ligonier creek, washed up 85 oz. for the week ending Jan. 8th.

FROM ABOVE.—T. B. Humphreys, Esq., the member elect for Clinton-Lillooet District, arrived on the steamer Enterprise last night, and will take his seat the Council to-day.

FROM PUGET SOUND.—The steamer Isabel arrived last night, at 9 o'clock, from Puget Sound, with a few passengers. She will return at 7 o'clock, this morning.

FROM NANAIMO.—The steamer Emily Harris arrived yesterday morning, at 9 o'clock, from Nanaimo, with a full cargo of coal for Frain's depot.

TWO TAIRS.—We learn that in future the steamer Isabel will make two trips a week to and from Puget Sound to this port.

TUX CALIFORNIA WILL LEAVE PORTLAND this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, for Puget Sound and Victoria.

MEETING.—The Legislative Council will witness their sittings to day, at 1 o'clock.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

QUEENSLAND, JAN. 19.—Weather, cloudy and snowing; thermometer, 12° below zero; river frozen up.

Miners from Blackfoot and Boise arrived here to-day, en route to the Germans Creek mines.

CALIFORNIA.

YREKA, JAN. 19.—A storm of rain and snow swept throughout California yesterday, and about noon telegraphic communication was interrupted on Trinity Mountain. The storm continued during last night, with high wind, causing several additional breaks. The line will probably be working through in the morning.

OREGON.

PORTLAND, JAN. 19.—Very stormy all day yesterday and last night.

The Monticello boats are taking large quantities of goods, every day, to Klamath.

There is but one ship at present in the harbor—the Texan Proprietor. She is chartered to take a cargo of wheat to Liverpool. The harbor has not been so scarce of shipping for a long time.

A daughter of Mr. John Bowman's, who lives near the corner of Morrison and Second streets, has been attacked with a veritable type of small-pox, and her recovery is doubtful.

VICTORIA, JAN. 19.—A steamer California leaves for Victoria to-morrow evening.

EDUCATION.

EDITOR STANDARD.—It is a great misfortune for the rising generation that education is so much neglected in this colony. It has always been the duty of states, for generations back, to devote the best efforts of the nation for putting their educational institutions on sound and firm basis; because by doing so they were advancing the intellectual and material that was to enter the state. How is it in British Columbia? quite the reverse. It would appear that our government were quite indifferent in regard to giving a sound education to the youths of the colony. A more illogical policy cannot be conceived; the fundamental rule should never be overlooked that the moral, intellectual and physical form ought to be conjointly developed; that the youth of the rising generation should as soon as possible be made acquainted with the nature and uses of all the arts in order to raise that degree of perfection which is consistent with the structure of his organs. The Public Schools on the Mainland are in a deplorable condition. There is not on the Mainland outside of New Westminster, a competent teacher. They may be qualified to teach primary schools, but as to advancing pupils in the ordinary elements of an English education, they are utterly incompetent; in fact there is not one of them even got certificates of qualification from the present Inspector General of schools. Here where the Public School has been well supported by the inhabitants, financially, it is. I am sorry to say, going to decay, the system and the branches of education which are taught in the schools.

FRENCH LADIES' OPINION.—The World's balloon correspondent says that the unattractive girls of Paris are extremely dissatisfied with Gen. Trochu for ordering young men in the National Guard to form part of the rallying regiment. A girl almost out of tears, said to him, "Sir, I am a Frenchwoman, and I am good, generous, faithful; if all this young men went to the battle-field and are killed, whom shall we marry?" He replied, "My darling, it is better to expose young men than old married men." "I don't think so. Old married men know what marriage is; they have had enough of it; it is young men's turn to be married; when they get to be old married men and there is war they will be sent to the fight." "Would you send your husband if you had one?" "To be sure I should, papa; if I were an old married woman."

WILL THE TURKS OF GREECE, AND FRANCE, AND FORTRESS AFTER HAVING MATCHED WITH THE VARIOUS PRUSSIANS FROM BRABURG TO PARIS, ARE NOW AT CONSTANTINOPLE. HAVING FOUND OUT THE REASON WHY PRUSSIA HAS BEATEN FRANCE, THEY ARE NOW ENDEAVORING TO FIND OUT WHAT CHANCE THE SULTAN HAS AGAINST THE CZAR. IT IS GRATIFYING TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE PLEASED WITH SOMETHING WHICH HAVE COME UNDER THEIR INSPECTION. THE TORPEDOES ARE GOOD; BUT WE HAVE YET TO LEARN THAT THE ARMIES OF THE PORTS ARE ABLE TO ENCOUNTER THE ARMIES OF THE GIANT OF THE NORTH.

McMANON AND NAPOLEON.—A London paper prints this:

THE PAPER OR CLARET.—The London Wine Trade Review says that one of our contemporaries has been recently very diligent and gloomy upon the subject of a probable rise in the price of claret; through the way we don't think our readers need be at all anxious. At the present time we see no probability of the market going up; on the contrary, prices are declining, and low for good dinner clarets have fallen to £4 to £6 per hhd.

THE PELICAN.—Officers' Water-Proof Rubber Coats, for sale at D. Green's clothing store, Government street, two doors from St. Thomas Hotel.

### The Town Council and the Fire Department.

& Supreme Court of Appeal Bill of the Dominion.

EDITOR STANDARD.—From your report of a meeting held yesterday, I learn that Delegates from the Provincial Fire Department met the members of the City Council, for the purpose of devising ways and means for the permanent support of the Fire Companies. I further observe a resolution was arrived at by the Town Council, and a committee of three appointed to petition the Legislature to afford the necessary aid to the Fire Department, by increasing for its benefit the present fire tax on Insurance policies, from one-eighth of one per cent, to one-sixth of one per cent; and also to levy upon each of the Fire Insurance Companies an annual license of \$25.

Victoria has reason to be proud of its efficient Fire Department, and I would glad to see the ready acknowledgment of its services by the members of the Legislature. The Fire Department, and I would, however, take exception to the proposed mode of raising additional revenue, as being unjust to Insurance Offices and to those who are insured; if it imposes additional taxation upon those who already contribute to the Fire Department, as further exempts the former from the former.

Two judges constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of four judges is necessary for the revision or affirmation of the judgement of the Court appealed from, unless either party desires to appeal to the Queen in Council. The Court will sit at Ottawa and hold two terms annually, the first beginning on the third Monday in January, and the second on the third Monday in June. The term lasting in each case twenty days, but with power to adjourn. The rules of practice will be similar to those observed by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Notice of appeal must be given within twenty days of the decision of the Court below, unless leave is obtained to extend the time. Criminal appeals will be allowed, but only where the Court appealed from is not unanimous. Notice must be served on the Attorney-General within twenty days; and unless the appeal is brought on the first term of the Supreme Court, after the judgement appealed against has been delivered the appeal will be held to have dropped through.

A novel feature in the proposed bill is the introduction of a power of appeal, or rather reference to it, in constitutional questions. It authorizes the Governor-General to refer the opinion of the Supreme Court, the constitutionality or otherwise of any act passed by any one of the local Legislatures; such opinion given when to be certified by the Court to the Governor-General. It will be seen that the effect of this is to guide the action of the Governor-General in the exercise of his veto by the judgement of the court of law instead of, as at present, by the advice of his minister. A further clause makes it lawful for the Governor-General to refer to the Court for their consideration any such other matter whatever, as he should see fit.

In revenue and extradition cases the Court will have an original jurisdiction; the proposals to extend its powers in that direction, as embraced in the former bill, have been, with these exceptions, omitted from the present one. Besides the judges, a registrar and reporter are to constitute all the officers of the Court.

The proposed increased taxation would inflict no flagrant and patent a wrong upon the very class who already are the sole supporters of the Fire Department, and those who are most entitled to protection against, and to those who are either able or reckless enough to accept the risk of fire. All classes should, therefore, give their quota to its support; and if one class bears more than another is entitled to bear the greater share of the burden, it is that which reaps the greatest benefit from the Fire Department. That class undoubtedly is the holders of un-insured property.

This is more apparent from the fact that as there is no average clause in Insurance Policies issued here, the insured rarely suffers, in case of fire, the instant loss paid by the Insurance Office. Having shown who are prominently interested in the maintenance of the Fire Department, let us see who are now its chief supporters.

At present all insured property pays one eighth of one per cent, on the amount insured, and as all contributions and taxation obtained from the Insurance Companies are indirectly derived from parties insuring, upon that class, therefore, devolves the entire support of the Fire Companies, with the exception of the owners of real estate, who contribute one-fourth of one per cent, of its value to the Fire Department. Owners of all other un-insured property in the shape of merchandise, of whatever description, are totally exempt from taxation in support of the Fire Department, which they now all others are interested in seeing sustained.

That the present mode of supporting the Fire Department bears exclusively upon those who insure, while others who derive a greater benefit from it are freed from all contribution to its aid, is apparent.

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Victoria, Vancouver Island, Hotel keeper,

and he having been declared a bankrupt;

whereupon he is hereby required to surrender

himself to the Chief Justice or a Judge of the

Supreme Court of British Columbia, at James

Bay, Victoria, on or about Wednesday the

25th day of January, instant, at 12 o'clock

noon, and on Wednesday the 15th day of

February next at the hour aforesaid, and make

full discovery of his state of affairs, effects,

when and where the Creditors are to come

prepared to pay his debt and at the first

sitting to choose Assignees and at the last

sitting the said bankrupt is to finish his ex-

amination.

All persons indebted to the said bankrupt

or that have any of his effects, are not to

pay or deliver the same but to Mr. Richard

Woods, or to Mr. Charles E. Pooley, the Offi-

cial Assignee, whom the Hon. Mr. Justice

Crawford appointed, and give notice to

Mr. Robert Bishop of Bastion Street, Victoria

the Solicitor in the matter of this Petition.

RICHARD WOODS,  
CHARLES E. POOLEY,  
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